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SUBJECT: COPPER PRODUCER-CONSUMER MEETING

REF: PARIS 1926, GENEVA 338, 75 STATE 287245

1. ACCORDING TO SURQUIN IN FOREIGN MINISTRY COMMODITIES OFFICE , BELGIAN OGVERNMENT AGREES WITH USG IN SUPPORTING " CREATION OF A FORUM FOR PRODUCER-CONSUMER CONSULTATION" ON COPPER (REFTEL C). THEY HAVE NOT YET BEEN APPROACHED BY EITHER UNCTAD OR CIPEC ON ARTICULAR INITIATIVES DISCUSSED IN REFTELS. THEY WOULD EXPECT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE INFORMAL MEETING PROPOSED FOR MARCH BUT WOULD HOPE PARTICIPATION IN THAT MEETING COULD IN DEED BE LIMITED TO MAJOR PRODUCERS, INTERMEDIATE PROCESSORS AND EXPORTERS, AND MAJOR CONSUMERS.

2. SURQUIN EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN " CREATION OF A FORUM FOR CONSULTATION" AND PROCEEDING TO UNDERTAKE NEGOTITION OF AN AGREEMENT. IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF COPPER TO THE BELGIAN ECONOMY, ANY DECISION TO PROCEED FROM INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS SUCH AS DESCRIBED IN REFTELS TO NEGOTIATION OF A COPPER AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL. (NOTE: SURQUIN IMPLIED THAT POLITICAL FACTORS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR BELGIUM TO TAKE A NEGATIVE PUBLIC POSITION ON PRODUCER-CONSUMER TALKS ON COPPER. BUT AT THE SAME TIME IT WOULD NOT BE IN BELGIUM'S ECONOMIC INTEREST TO ENCOURAGE RAPID PROGRESS TOWARD THE SORT OF AGREEMENT MOST LIKELY TOEMERGE FROM SUCH TALKS.)

3. SURQUIN ASKED US TO KEEP HIM INFORMED OF US VIEWS ON SPONSORSHIP , VENUE AND PARTICIPANTS AT LAUNCHING OF PRODUCER-CONSUMER DIALOGUE ON COPPER. HE SUGGESTED THAT, IN VIEW OF LIKELIHOOD DIALOGUE MAY BEGIN AS EARLY AS MARCH, OECD SHOULD DEVOTE SOME SERIOUS ATTENTION TO THE SUBJECT IN FEBRUARY. HE ALSO WONDERED ("ON A PERSONAL BASIS") WHETHER THERE MIGHT BE SOME WAY TO COORDINATE THIS DIALOGUE WITH THE DIALOGUE BEGINNING IN THE CIEC COMMISSION ON RAW MATERIALS.
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